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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS - GOU DELIVERS
DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON SUBJECT OF HIGH LEVEL VISIT.

REF: STATE 67172; MVD 1244

1. URUGUAYAN CHARGE TALAMAS DELIVERED A CONFIDENTIAL NOTE
TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRAY ON MARCH 30, THE
UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE EMBASSY OF URUGUAY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE DESIRE
OF STRENGTHENING COMMON RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES,
AS WELL AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MISSION TO THAT EFFECT
BEING RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY, POSSIBILITY
WHICH HAS BEEN DULY TRANSMITTED BY THIS MISSION, HAS
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THE HONOR TO EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING:

THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY ENCOURAGES
WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST THE VISIT BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT
HIGH-LEVEL MISSION, WITH THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND

STRENGTHENING THE TRADITIONAL LINKS EXISTING BETWEEN

THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THAT DURING THE VISIT ALL SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED, WITH THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMIZING THE EXISTING RELATIONS AND COMMON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT A UNIVERSAL LEVEL.

THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY CONSIDERS THAT THE SAID MISSION SHOULD MATERIALIZE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROMPTLY PUT INTO EFFECT THE ABOVE MENTIONED PURPOSES AND ALSO TO COUNTERACT THE MISTRUSTING REACTIONS AMONG THE PUBLIC AT BOTH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS, WHICH REQUIRE AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS.

THE EMBASSY OF URUGUAY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
UNQUOTE.

2. BRAY OBSERVED THAT COMMUNICATION WAS FORMAL RESPONSE TO INFORMAL SUGGESTION. HE ASKED TALAMAS TO REPORT THAT DUE NOTE WAS TAKEN OF CONTENTS OF MESSAGE. BRAY OBSERVED THAT OUR SUGGESTION HAD CONTAINED TWO ELEMENTS (INVITATION TO IAHRG AND HIGH-LEVEL U.S. VISIT), WHILE NOTE ONLY ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF THE VISIT. TALAMAS WAS GIVEN UNDERSTANDING THAT NOTE WILL BE STUDIED AND GOU WILL RECEIVE A REPLY.

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3. FYI. AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE OF COURSE INTEND TO MEET WITH SOME INSIGHT INTO THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THIS FORMAL RESPONSE. WHILE WE LOOK FORWARD TO EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS IN THE PARM REGARDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY VISIT, YOU MAY

WISH TO GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON A RESPONSE TO THE NOTE IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE. END FYI.

CHRISTOPHER

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